

SAVES Program

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Samuel Lucien with SAVES

Mr. Samuel Lucien was born and raised in Haiti. He came to the United States in April 2013. Mr. Lucien has always valued education. In his own words, “Education is the key to long-term success”. He added that to be successful, one has to adapt to the culture and speak the language of the adoptive country. According to him, many people fail to improve their lives in the United States because they do not take the time to learn English.

Mr. Lucien did not speak any English when he came to the United States, but he had an opportunity that is provided by the Office of Refugee Services (ORR) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to all refugees and asylees entering the country. Because of his immigration status, he was able to get assistance from SAVES, a program that assists refugees and asylees of all nationalities to learn English and receive vocational training to become employed and self-sufficient.

SAVES helped Mr. Lucien fulfill his dream. He initially registered for English classes at Lindsey Hopkins

Technical College. After finishing the English classes in December 2013, Mr. Lucien enrolled in the Commercial Foods and Culinary Program in January 2014. He plans to finish this program in April 2015.

Mr. Lucien would like to thank the SAVES program for giving him the opportunity to take the first steps toward becoming a productive citizen of this country. He says that because of SAVES, he can write and read English and have the opportunity to seek employment in the culinary arts field. He is also grateful to all the SAVES staff, especially Ms. Marisol Cardoso, for all the help and support in achieving his goals. We wish Mr. Lucien the best in his future endeavors.

